

SPECIAL MEETING
October 27, 2008

The Special Meeting of the Annapolis City Council was held on October 27, 2008 in the Council Chamber. Mayor Moyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present on Roll Call: Mayor Moyer, Alderwomen Hoyle, Finlayson, Aldermen Israel, Paone, Cordle, Stankivic, Shropshire, Arnett

Staff Present: Acting City Attorney Kling, Planning and Zoning Director Arason, Environmental Program Coordinator Broadbend

PRESENTATIONS

Maritime Republic of Eastport

Jessica Louise Pachler, Minister of War, by the power vested in her by the Maritime Republic of Eastport and by unanimous vote of the Revolutionary Council, did declare (tug of) War against the United States, Maryland, The City of Annapolis, and all who remain loyal to them.

300 Tapestry Project

April Nyman, 2666 Riva Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21401, representing the Anne Arundel Arts Council presented Mayor Moyer with a grant letter congratulating the City for tapestry project

Hollis Minor, 107 Northwest Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1908 was present and answered questions from Council

Legacy of Slavery in Annapolis

Mr. Alex Haley, 350 Rowe Boulevard, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 representing the Maryland State Achieves spoke on a study of the African American experience in Annapolis, Maryland

Mark P. Leone, 1111 Woods Hall, College Park Maryland 20742 representing University of Maryland, College Park (Archaeology of Annapolis) spoke on slavery in Africa and in Annapolis, the Banneker Douglas Museum, and the discovery of West African Spirit practices

PUBLIC HEARING

O-05-08 For the purpose of allowing a freestanding sign in the B3 zoning district which was inadvertently deleted when the Zoning Code (Title 21) was recodified in 2004; and all matters relating to signs.

Planning and Zoning Director Arason gave a brief presentation on the ordinance.

No one from the general public spoke in favor of or in opposition to the ordinance.

- Mayor Moyer accepted into the record a Memorandum to the Annapolis City Council from the Planning Commission dated 9/18/08, and Memoranda from Jon Arason, Director, to the Planning Commission dated 7/9/08.
- Mayor Moyer declared the public hearing closed.

O-18-08 For the purpose of relocating the provisions related to signs in the Eastport Gateway Conservation Overlay district to Chapter 21.70; discontinuing the Planning and Zoning Director's administrative authority in 21.18.030 to adjust sign standards and instead giving the authority to the Board of Appeals; allowing the Board of Appeals to allow adjustments of more than 20 percent in sign standards and to allow approval of more than one

additional sign; adding new standards and conditions for the Board of Appeals to grant variances; and all matters related to variances to sign standards and conditions.

Planning and Zoning Director Arason gave a brief presentation on the ordinance.

Spoke in favor of the ordinance:

Alan Hyatt, 200 West Gate Circle, Suite 500, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 representing Shoppers Food Warehouse (SFW)

No one else from the general public spoke in favor of or in opposition to the ordinance.

- Mayor Moyer accepted into the record a Memorandum to the Annapolis City Council from the Planning Commission dated 9/18/08, and Memoranda from Jon Arason, Director, to the Planning Commission dated 7/9/08.
- Mayor Moyer declared the public hearing closed.

O-30-08 For the purpose of clarifying the duties of the Department of Neighborhood and Environmental Programs and the Public Works Administration throughout Title 17 of the Code of the City Annapolis; and all other matters concerning inspections, permits, and public works.

Environmental Program Coordinator Broadbend gave a brief presentation on the ordinance.

Spoke on the ordinance:

Fred D. Fishback, 8 Tolson Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 representing the Building Board of Appeals

No one else from the general public spoke in favor of or in opposition to the ordinance .

- Mayor Moyer declared the public hearing closed.

The order of the agenda was amended to allow for O-34-08

Without objection the public hearings on O-31-08 and O-34-08 were held jointly.

O-31-08 For the purposes of reducing the Homestead Credit Percentage from one hundred ten percent (110%) to one hundred five percent (105%) in the City of Annapolis; and matters generally relating to said Homestead Credit Percentage.

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O-34-08 For the purposes of reducing the Homestead Credit Percentage from one hundred ten percent (110%) to one hundred two percent (102%) in the City of Annapolis; and matters generally relating to said Homestead Credit Percentage.

Spoke in favor of the ordinances:

Doug Smith, 5 Revel Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401
Randy Landis, 141 Dewey Drive, Annapolis, Maryland 21401
Michael Dye, 1315 Hawkins Lane, Annapolis, Maryland 21401

No one else from the general public spoke in favor of or in opposition to the ordinance .

- Mayor Moyer accepted into the record a email from Tony Evans, 3 Constitution Square, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 dated October 27, 2008, a report from local task force on Local Tax Relief Policy.
- Mayor Moyer declared the public hearing closed.

The order of the agenda was resumed.

O-32-08 For the purpose of reclassifying certain positions within the exempt service of the City of Annapolis so as to reflect current upgrades; adding new positions to the exempt service by assigning the paralegal, police major, and four (4) police captain positions to the exempt service; permitting department directors to designate salary and exercise oversight over certain exempt positions; and all matters related to the City of Annapolis Exempt Service.

No one from the general public spoke in favor of or in opposition to the ordinance.

- Mayor Moyer declared the public hearing closed.

O-33-08 For the purpose of encouraging energy efficiencies improvements and renewable energy production by establishing a program which will direct the Director of Finance to add up to 100% of privately-financed energy efficiencies improvements to a property's tax bill; and all matters generally relating to energy efficiency improvements and renewable energy production.

No one from the general public spoke in favor of or in opposition to the ordinance.

- Mayor Moyer declared the public hearing closed.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

ORDINANCES

O-24-07 For the purpose of specifying when and where sandwich board signs are permitted; and matters generally relating to sandwich board signs.

- Mayor Moyer moved to withdraw O-24-07 on second reading. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

RESOLUTIONS

R-45-08 For the purpose of approving the new job description for the Election/Boards and Commission Administrator position in the Office of Law.

- Alderman Arnett moved to adopt R-45-08 on second reading. Seconded.

A ROLL CALL vote was taken:

YEAS: Mayor Moyer, Alderwomen Hoyle, Finlayson, Aldermen Israel, Paone, Cordle, Stankivic, Shropshire, Arnett

NAYS:

CARRIED: 9/0

R-52-08 For the purpose of creating a Committee to develop an informed and complete vision of a City Gateway along the Outer West Street corridor; and all matters relating to said Committee.

- Alderwoman Hoyle moved to adopt R-52-08 on second reading. Seconded.

- Alderman Stankivic moved to amend O-52-08 as follows:

Amendment#1

In line 27, insert “that is composed of at a minimum of a resident from each of the City’s Eight Wards and one at-large member” after “Committee” Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Amendment#2

In line 30, insert “upon adoption of the Comprehensive Plan” DEFEATED for lack of a second.

The main motion as amended CARRIED on voice vote.

Don Lamb-Minon was present and answered questions from Council.

- Alderman Arnett moved to adopt O-52-08 amended on third reading. Seconded.

A ROLL CALL vote was taken:

YEAS: Mayor Moyer, Alderwomen Hoyle, Finlayson, Aldermen Israel, Paone,
Cordle, Stankivic, Shropshire, Arnett

NAYS:

CARRIED: 9/0

- Alderman Stankivic left at 9:05 p.m.

R-54-08 For the purpose of establishing a Council Compensation Commission to make recommendations to the City Council on the pay and compensation for the Mayor and City Council to be effective for the four year period beginning December 7, 2009; and matters generally relating to said pay and compensation.

- Alderman moved to adopt R-54-08 on first reading. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

There being no voiced objection, the rules were suspended to allow passage of the resolution at the meeting of its introduction.

- Alderman moved to adopt R--08 on second reading. Seconded. A ROLL CALL vote was taken:

YEAS: Mayor Moyer, Alderwomen Hoyle, Finlayson, Aldermen Israel, Paone,
Cordle, Shropshire, Arnett

NAYS:

CARRIED: 8/0

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Regina C. Watkins-Eldridge, CMC
City Clerk